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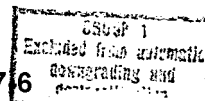
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications**SUBJECT** : Reimbursement for Vehicle Road Taxes
and Registration Fees []**REFERENCE** : Memo for DD/S fr D/CO dtd 16 July 65,
same subject

1. My review of your request has indicated to me that the problem existing [] is comparable in most respects to a similar situation existing []. During the past few months, we have investigated thoroughly the question of road taxes and registration fees as a result of the [] problem. I believe that the conclusion reached in that case, that reimbursement for road taxes and registration fees could not properly be authorized, should also apply as regards [].

2. The Office of General Counsel has advised me that the only legal authority under which these taxes and fees could be reimbursed would be through the application of the special provisions of Section 8 of Public Law 110. They have stated that in their opinion the use of these special provisions in a case such as this would be essentially an instance of utilizing our special legal authorities to solve an administrative problem having no particularly unique Agency considerations. As a result, they feel this would be a most questionable use of our special legal authorities, and they recommend against such action.

3. While my decision not to approve your request is based primarily on a lack of appropriate authority to do so,

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I believe it is also noteworthy that the financial burden to the employee resulting from these taxes and fees is not significantly higher than that faced by our personnel assigned to the Headquarters area. Based upon the data you have provided, the average cost to an employee [] for these charges is estimated to be slightly over \$80 a year. This figure is quite comparable to the total which would be paid by a Headquarters employee for automobile registration fees and taxes in the course of a year. This fact tends to confirm my judgment that the use of special legal authorities to reimburse our personnel [] for these expenses would not be warranted.

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/s/
R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

Attachment
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The negotiations with [] may be the avenue for relief on this problem.

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/s/RLB
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Remarks:

OGC has looked this over and has concluded that their previous opinion given in the case applies equally here, i.e. there are legal objections to such payments.

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